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VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

1. SUMMARY. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR BOGDAN, IN CALL AT HIS REQUEST ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL, REVIEWED THE FORTHCOMING CSCE TALKS, MADE ADDITIONAL PLEA FOR AMENDMENT OF MBFR COMMUNIQUE AND RAISED ISSUE OF BALKAN COOPERATION. END SUMMARY.

2. CSCE. BOGDAN, ON INSTRUCTIONS, EXPRESSED THOROUGH GOR SATISFACTION WITH PREPARATORY PHASE OF CSCE, HIGHLIGHTING IMPORTANCE OF ITS " DEMOCRATIC" NATURE AND COMMENTING THAT FINAL MPT DOCUMENT PROVIDES GOOD BASIS FOR FURTHER WORK. PREDICTABLY, HE NOTED IN PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE ROMANIA ATTACHES TO MAKING PRINCIPLES OF INTERSTATE RELATIONS AS MANDATORY AS POSSIBLE, TO MORE EXTENSIVE TREATMENT OF MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY THAN PROVIDED FOR IN MPT RECOMMENDATIONS, AND TO AGREEMENT ON SOME FORM OF PERMANENT MACHINERY. HE ALSO EXPRESSED POSITIVE INTEREST IN SWISS ARBITRATION PROPOSAL. ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO THE INITIAL CSCE MINISTERIAL, BOGDAN MENTIONED GOR HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO TABLE ANY DOCUMENTS. FINALLY, HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH US- ROMANIAN CONSULTATIONS ON CSCE, BOTH IN CAPITALS AND HELSINKI.

3. STOESSEL SAID US SHARED POSITIVE ASSESSMENT OF MPT RESULTS. WE SHARED INTEREST IN A FORCEFUL DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, BUT CONTINUED TO PREFER A NON-TREATY INSTRUMENT. CSCE WOULD ADDRESS SPECIFIC CBMS BUT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO HANDLE OTHER MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY IN LARGE HETEROGENEOUS CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH ALL STATES WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS VIEWS UNDER ARRANGEMENTS AGREED TO AT MPT. STOESSEL STRESSED, PARTICULARLY, US HOPE THAT CSCE DISCUSSIONS

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WOULD GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO CLOSER HUMAN CONTACTS. US VIEWED POSITIVELY THE THRUST OF THE SWISS PROPOSAL FOR ARBITRATION OF JUSTICIABLE DISPUTES; ALTHOUGH WE HAD SOME DOUBTS ABOUT PRACTICALITY OF PROPOSAL FOR HANDLING POLITICAL DISPUTES. STOESSEL ALSO NOTED OUR INCLINATION TO FAVOR MAXIMUM USE OF EXISTING MACHINERY TO HANDLE ISSUES ARISING OUT OF CSCE.

4. STOESEL RECALLED NATO MINISTERS AT COPENHAGEN HAD EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH PREPARATORY WORK IN HELSINKI AND NOTED AGREEMENT TO CONVENE OPENING PHASE OF CSCE ON JULY 3. IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CONCLUDE THIS PHASE WITHIN ONE WEEK, ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT SEEK TO ESTABLISH ANY DEADLINE. DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF ANY DOCUMENTS WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE IN SECOND (COMMITTEE) PHASE. FURTHER, IT SEEMED APPROPRIATE TO AVOID LONG MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE- DRAFTING EXERCISE; A BRIEF, BUSINESS- LIKE PRESS STATEMENT MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE. WE HAD OPEN MIND ON SPECIFIC OPENING DATE FOR SECOND PHASE, BUT MOST OF OUR ALLIES FAVORED MID- SEPTEMBER. WE CONTINUED TO ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO BEGINNING MBFR NEGOTIATIONS BY OCTOBER 30.

5. ASKED HOW WE MIGHT REACT TO A RENEWED EFFORT BY MINTOFF (MALTA) TO GAIN A ROLE AT CSCE FOR ARAB MEDITERRANEAN STATES, STOESEL COMMENTED WE WERE APPRECIATIVE OF SUCCESSFUL ROMANIAN EFFORT TO FIND GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE MPT COMPROMISE LANGUAGE. WE DID NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ADD TO LIST OF CSCE PARTICIPANTS, ALTHOUGH PRESUMABLY A WAY COULD BE FOUND TO ALLOW NON- PARTICIPANTS TO MAKE VIEWS KNOWN.

(COMMENT: AT MPT ALGERIA AND TUNISIA SUBMITTED VIEWS IN WRITING TO FINNISH GOVERNMENT, WHICH WERE DEPOSITED WITH MPT SECRETARIAT BY AGREEMENT AMONG MPT PARTICIPANTS.) THIS ISSUE MIGHT BETTER BE TREATED IN SECOND PHASE OF CONFERENCE.

6. BOGDAN ALSO ASKED IF CSCE TIMETABLE MIGHT BE INFLUENCED BY US ATLANTIC DECLARATION INITIATIVE AND
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WAS TOLD IT WOULD NOT.

7. MBFR. BOGDAN TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HIS CALL TO COME BACK TO HIS EARLIER APPROACH TO ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER (REFTEL) IN SUPPORT OF MODIFICATIONS IN THE MBFR COMMUNIQUE DESIGNED TO (1) UNDERLINE NOTION THAT MBFR WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE SECURITY OF OTHER EUROPEAN STATES AND (2) CREATE CONDITIONS FOR EACH EUROPEAN STATE WHICH SO DESIRES TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT VIEWS AND PROPOSALS. STOESEL OBSERVED IT SEEMED INOPPORTUNE TO PURSUE FURTHER CHANGES AT THIS LATE STAGE WHERE EVERYTHING IN VIENNA EXCEPT THE DATE WAS NOW AGREED. WHEN BOGDAN PERSISTED THAT HE "DETECTED" POSSIBILITY OF INTRODUCING NOTION OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR NON-

PARTICIPANTS, STOESEL REMARKED THIS ISSUE WAS NOW UNDER DISCUSSION IN VIENNA. FIRST SECRETARY MITRA , WHO ACCOMPANIED BOGDAN, ASKED WHETHER DIFFERENT FORMULATION MIGHT MAKE MATTERS EASIER TO WHICH STOESEL REPLIED HE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO ENCOURAGE ROMANIANS TO THINK THIS WAS THE CASE, SPECULATING THAT POSSIBLY ONE WAY IN WHICH ISSUE MIGHT BE SATISFACTORILY DEALT WITH WOULD BE BY AN AGREED EXCHANGE OF STATEMENTS IN PLENARY.

8. BALKANS. IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS ON CSCE BOGDAN AND MITRAN ALSO RAISED ISSUE OF BALKAN REGIONAL SECURITY, EXPRESSING THOUGHT THAT CBM MEASURES IN BALKANS MIGHT BE OF VALUE AND URGING FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF BALKAN REGIONAL MEASURES IN SECURITY AND OTHER FIELDS. STOESEL OBSERVED THAT U. S. WAS CONCERNED ABOUT STABILITY IN THE AREA AND NOTED US OBJECTIVE WAS THAT IT BE MAINTAINED, ADDING THAT WE WISHED CURRENT MBFR DISCUSSIONS TO STAY FOCUSED ON CENTRAL EUROPE. ROGERS

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